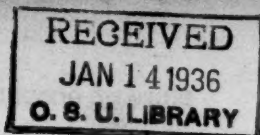


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This problem of sufficient copies of worth-while fiction (and some non-fiction) . . . raises the perennial question of the function of the American public library in supplying fiction of no earthly literary or cultural value. One way to settle it is to withdraw to an upper room, take out our little brass idol of "scholarship" and warm and dandle it on our knees, hoping that the world will notice our erudition and culture. Does this settle it? Meanwhile the public at large betakes itself to increasing numbers of commercial circulating libraries. If we are to keep the mass of American readers within the helpful constructive influence of our public library service, we will continue to look upon our function as that of supplying all the book needs of the people. We will nevertheless draw a line at the "tripe," but will give such prompt, full, interested, and sympathetic service on good current fiction that the public will depend on the public library. Public library rental collections are hardly anywhere developed to their full scale of operation; too few libraries look upon them as "on the main line." We shall consider the growth, the existence, of commercial libraries with their indiscriminate stock (in moral as well as literary values) not with complaisance, nor as an excuse for us to abdicate our trust, but as a reflection upon our effectiveness, a proof that we have placed false literary and intellectual values above the great social value of the public library.

—Joseph L. Wheeler, in *Library Quarterly*.

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INDIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
44th Annual Conference

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27th Annual Conference

FIRST GENERAL SESSION

The 44th Annual Conference of the Indiana Library Association and 27th Annual Conference of the Indiana Library Trustees' Association met in joint session in Indianapolis, with headquarters at the Hotel Lincoln, October 23, 24, 25, 1935. The total registration was 406.

At the opening session, at 2:00 p. m., held in the Travertine Room, Frank H. Whitmore, president of the Indiana Library Association, gave a cordial greeting to the members present, and announced the appointments of the Resolutions, Auditing, and Nominating committees. He then read a letter of greeting from Mary Eileen Ahern, honorary member, and it was voted on motion, to send her a telegram of greeting.

Telegram to Mary Eileen Ahern, Chicago

With grateful appreciation to one of its founding members and with pride in your devoted service through the years to librarianship in America, the Indiana Library Association at the opening session of its annual conference in Indianapolis sends you cordial greetings. We reciprocate your sentiment and express the hope that at our next meeting you may be with us in person as we know that you are in spirit today.

Signed: Frank H. Whitmore, President.

Mr. Whitmore next introduced the first speaker.

W. R. ALLEN

Dealing With the Public

Mr. Allen, Personnel manager of L. S. Ayres & Co., Indianapolis, presented some interesting observations in the matter of dealing with intangibles, comparing his

work with a librarian's. He said in part that he has found that the public goes where it is graciously received and that graciousness must start at the top. There must be a definite mechanics of order, good "housekeeping," both in a store and in a library, so that the public does not see the "wheels go 'round," and contacts can be made without irritability. With order and organization one is free to be gracious; the public feels this without seeing the mechanics and will return to be served.

He went on to say that libraries are facing the challenge of the five-day week, which, amazing fact, many clerks do not want because they have no capacity for intelligent relaxation. Libraries are performing a great service in helping those with this extra time to choose the right reading, and simultaneously allowing a freedom of selection from their shelves. If libraries will keep this precious freedom of choice, so vitally needed, readers will balance their own reading diet.

DR. G. BROMLEY OXNAM

New Ideals in Education

Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, speaking next on new ideals in education, or education related to the library, drew upon the aeronautical term "wind drift," to illustrate his first point. As the aviator has to compute the velocity of the wind in order to keep on his course, so society must take into account influences at work within its various groups and classes in order to avoid a sociological wind drift. We live and think in restricted groups and we tend to drift with the group; our problem is to try to elevate the thinking of the group. We should get away from class consciousness to social consciousness, a larger

consciousness. Most of us want to do the fine, honest thing, but we are influenced by environment and drift away from our objective because of contacts which should be eliminated, like the wind from the north blowing us off a due east course. If democracy is to develop a larger social consciousness, a breadth of outlook, a delicacy of feeling, modesty of judgment, a scientific attitude in schools to solve problems factually, the responsibility is with the individual.

He spoke next of the problem of the limited horizon, quoting from Masfield; "The skyline is a promise, not a bound." We should strive to push back the limited horizons of the classroom, and break down provincialism. To illustrate his point he described the idea of imaginary travel-diaries written up by DePauw students, in which they choose a place, obtain travel information about it, compute distances, and keep a diary of an imaginary trip, thus adding to their mental horizons. If we can develop an understanding of other races, realizing how differently from us they think, we can thereby strive for world-consciousness, and work toward a new world order.

Dr. Oxnam went on to urge us to have more strings to our bow. We must build our culture on broader foundations, in spite of the necessity for specialization, if we would get the greatest fullness and richness out of life. There must be specialization, but there are often channels leading off from a narrow subject to related fields, which if followed, make for enrichment of the narrow subject. He said in effect that we should not be content with knowing the bare elements of our work, but should strive to open more doors to culture, and never lose an opportunity to meet great personalities. Libraries aid along these lines by offering reading in all fields. Whenever possible we should get away from our chosen interest and immerse ourselves in one entirely different. Quoting from Unamuno, the Spanish

philosopher, who says, "May God withhold you from peace, but give you glory." Dr. Oxnam pointed out that that attitude meant really facing life.

In conclusion he advised us "to have a bee in our bonnets," or, in other words, to have a hobby, which can often be developed by carrying over an intellectual interest from one line of work to another. Just as social consciousness is fundamental, world consciousness must be made basic, and specialization and hobbies can serve as aids to ideals in a new education toward a broader culture.

Adjournment to State Library

After Dr. Oxnam's brilliant and dynamic address, the meeting adjourned to the State library, where Mr. Whitmore introduced Josiah K. Lilly, of Indianapolis, known nationally for his collection of Stephen Collins Foster materials housed in Foster Hall on Mr. Lilly's estate. In recognition of his popularization of Foster's music and his generous gifts to libraries of complete sets of facsimile copies of Foster's scores, Mr. Whitmore, on behalf of the Indiana Library Association conferred upon Mr. Lilly an Honorary life membership in the Indiana Library Association.

JOSIAH K. LILLY

Story of Stephen Foster

Mr. Lilly then spoke briefly on the story of Stephen Foster, saying that Foster's melodies were of our own soil, a part of our national life. These simple, beautiful songs composed between 1850-60, yet familiar today, are like a rainbow or a sunset, always with us. For 70 years after his death little was done to record his life and work, and it fell to a small group to realize that fact and to start a memorial. His biography was finally published, "The American Troubadour," and a reproduction of his scores was made in a facsimile set. The music falls into five classes: Negro melodies; Songs of senti-

ment; Songs in lighter vein; Hymns, and War songs. As for his place in music, we cannot classify him. We can only say that he was the first American composer of beautiful melodies, and to some of us he remains the best. Born in Pittsburgh, the wild flowers of music grew and were fostered in unfavorable soil. His best work was done between 1850-60 before going to New York where he died in poverty, but not in degradation.

The Indianapolis collection now in Foster Hall on Mr. Lilly's estate, is eventually to go to the beautiful shrine and memorial being erected on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Lilly recalled the remark of William Arms Fisher of the Oliver Ditson Co., who said that when this memorial is finished and becomes a department of the University of Pittsburgh and the Foster Hall collection placed therein, this would be the biggest memorial in the world to any composer.

Foster Hall Quartette

The Foster Hall Quartette, from the colored Y. M. C. A., then sang some of Foster's ballads, rendering them with truly heartfelt sentiment. The songs were: Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground; Voices That Are Gone; Way Down South; Old Black Joe; The Gwendy Burke; Angelina Baker; Jeannie with the Light Brown Hair; Old Folks at Home; Oh, Susannah! The wonderfully sweet timbre of the quartette's voices and their careful modulation made their concert indeed pleasing and the audience, filling the foyer of the State library, was most enthusiastic.

Following the concert the staff of the State library very cordially received the members, and arranged a tour of inspection around the various departments of the library, and there was time to enjoy the many interesting exhibits and to profit by observing methods of caring for state archives.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION

Wednesday, October 23, 8:00 p. m.
Travertine Room

Following a prelude of music by the Debutante Ensemble Mr. Whitmore introduced the speaker of the evening:

LYMAN BEECHER STOWE

Mark Twain—Self-Appointed Instructor of the Public

Mr. Stowe, who is a grand-nephew of Henry Ward Beecher, and grandson of Harriet Beecher Stowe, lived for a time as a neighbor of Mark Twain in Hartford, and was thus able to relate intimate details of the wit of the humorist, much of it unpublished. He gave a sympathetic account of his life, adding many new sidelights, and showing how, though a series of tragedies followed him all his days, he was able to laugh through the years. Mr. Stowe said in part:

Mark Twain was the most informal great man he ever knew. His sympathy for the under-dog was an outstanding characteristic. The only formal education he had was in the district school and it ended when he was 10 years old. After a short apprenticeship to a printer, he became a Mississippi river pilot, of which he writes later in his "Life on the Mississippi." The death of his brother in a boiler explosion marked the first tragedy. The Civil War ended Mark's river life and after a short army experience he had a colorful mining and newspaper career in Nevada and California, during which he was sent to Hawaii. He returned to lecture in San Francisco; these lectures brought him fame, and we see him next on a trip to Palestine, which furnished background for "Innocents Abroad." His marriage to Olivia Langdon in 1870 was followed by a series of tragedies, the death of his father-in-law, the death of a dear friend, and his baby son. Throughout these events he was writing a humorous column, another of his life's ironies.

The climax of his life came at the age of 45, when his reputation was established, he was rich, and he had a family. The decline of his life began with the founding of a publishing house to publish his own books. At first it seemed a success, but he invested unwisely, and at 60 he started a world lecture tour to pay his debts. During this time his daughter, Susie, died,—another tragedy. The greatest tragedy was Mrs. Clemens' death not long after. It was Mrs. Clemens who had kept Mark Twain within the bounds of good taste in his writings; she was his best critic.

Mark Twain was a deep thinker and a pessimist. He had a "cycle" theory of ethics: The race improves in some ways, but degenerates in others, therefore the average never rises. That a humorist is necessarily a sad and serious man is Mark Twain's philosophy.

THIRD GENERAL SESSION

Thursday, October 24, 1935, at 2:00,
Travertine Room

Presiding: Miss Flora M. Case, Vice-president, Elkhart

DR. LOUIS ROUND WILSON

The Library and the Future

Dr. Wilson gave some constructive ideas about the coming library and plans for it, touching on two major objectives, namely: Coverage, or extension of library facilities to those communities which have the poorest library service in the whole country; and as the second objective, improvement of service all along the line. He said that one-third of the population of the nation has no library facilities, another third has only fair service and the fortunate third has good service. This good service should spread to the other two-thirds, he said. He also urged that libraries divide their services in congested localities so that overlapping would not prevent widespread use

of books. He cited the survey of Chicago's 78 libraries made recently which brought to light the extent of adequate service, medium service, poor service. He went on to outline means of achieving these ends, saying that the English have outdistanced us in the matter of cooperative service, and urging the English idea of prolonged loans which have a high educational value to patrons, rather than a two-week period loan which lessens this value.

He then described plans for tying up or connecting resources of a given area to aid research, and cited North Carolina as example of excessive divisions of research resources, and one not having adequate diversified material.

He spoke of personnel improvement, through certification, legislation for which is being urged now in Indiana, better support and standards of library schools, and training of librarians to be more competent in working out survey reports, and relating the library to the exact needs of its public.

Another means of improvement in library service is to work for greater citizen and trustee participation in library affairs. Indiana is to be commended for her large trustee interest. There should also be greater recognition on the part of the state, which should take responsibility of providing library service to all.

REV. JOHN B. FERGUSON

Centenary of Andrew Carnegie

Rev. J. B. Ferguson gave an excellent talk on Andrew Carnegie, tracing the life of this patron saint of libraries, in recognition of his centenary being observed this year. He said in effect:

The story of the life of Andrew Carnegie is a modern Arabian Night's tale. There is that same quality of unexpectedness; a genii rubs a lamp and a factory, a library or a peace plan appears. Coming from a family of poor weavers, but with an in-

tellectual ancestry, his early life was meager and full of hardships, and after the removal to this country his life in Pittsburgh was a struggle. His first deep interest in books came from the private library of Col. James Anderson, where he read omnivorously. His career as telegraph operator was successful, and he became superintendent of the Western division. It was his later business success coupled with certain qualities of mind and character that made possible his library benefactions. His ambition was to resign at 35 and devote his time to systematic reading, make the acquaintance of literary men, and spend his fortune for benevolent purposes. His article, "The Gospel of Wealth," started many rich men to thinking in new terms of generosity. Another of his important interests besides libraries, church organs, and educational advancement, was peace. It is one of the ironies of history that his own steel works are known today as munitions works. His distribution of wealth, his passion for world peace, and his love of mankind were the three great inspirations of his life.

MRS. KATE MILNER RABB

Only Yesterday in Books

Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb, editor of *A Hoosier Listening Post*, in the Indianapolis *Star*, concluded the speakers of this session, contributing some delightful thoughts on the literature of 1860-70, and its readers.

In those days of basques and bustles it was the thing to appear "literary," and the mark of social standing was a few volumes of poetry on the center table, such as Young's "Night Thoughts," or "Lucille." Part of the conversations of afternoon calls was devoted to books, and Mrs. James T. Field's "Yesterday With Authors," was a favorite source book, while the question of liking or not liking Dickens was a burning one.

Godey's and *Harper's* for 1860 were carrying as serials Thackeray's "Adven-

tures of Philip," Capt. Mayne Reid's "Odd People," and Macaulay's "Critical and Miscellaneous Essays." A review of Miss Mulock's "Studies From Life," refers to her as "this popular author" and notes her knowledge of the world, penetration into motives, grace and facility of expression which gave her eminent rank. "John Halifax, Gentleman," was a best seller for years, and "Daniel Deronda" appeared serially in *Harper's*, while "Mill on the Floss" was reviewed as "a remarkable story." Mrs. Gaskell's stories were reviewed, and also the prize story of 1860, by Mrs. Henry Wood, "Danesbury House," which won the Scottish Temperance League's £100 prize. It was called "a forcible representation of the injurious effects of intoxicating drinks." The attitude in those days toward French novels is expressed in a review of "Rosa, the Parisian Girl," where the reviewer mentions the "often pestilent productions of the fiction writers of that nation."

The idea of a proper family library in those days included fiction, biography, and travel, with a supply of Huxley, Tyndall, the Brontës and Oscar Wilde. Other additions to the family bookcase were "Gulliver's Travels," Mrs. Stowe's "The Minister's Wooing," and "Old Town Folks," and the works of Mrs. E. D. Southworth, Trollope, Wilkie Collins, Mrs. Oliphant, Miss Braddon, and Bulwer-Lytton, whose "Last Days of Pompeii," was read by everyone, stirring many discussions as exciting as if the destruction of the city were a current event. Dr. J. G. Holland's "Katrina" and "Seven-oaks" were popular, as were Will Carleton's "Farm Ballads," and the novels of Rev. E. P. Roe.

With the coming of realism in fiction Howells and James were widely read, and when Constance Fennimore Woolson introduced her psychological novels they were loved for their atmosphere. The keen enjoyment of the reading of those yesterdays cannot be surpassed by club programs and the literary sophistication of today.

DINNER MEETING

**Thursday evening, October 24, 1935,
Travertine Room**

**Presiding: Mrs. George W. Blair, Trustees'
Vice-president**

The dinner was pleasantly flavored by a touch of Mexico by two musicians in costume who rendered serenades to the accompaniment of an accordion. The speaker was:

MRS. BERTITA HARDING*The Force Behind the Pen*

Mrs. Harding began by saying that the novice in any field has a great deal to say about that field, and that his approach is naive and enthusiastic because of his inexperience. The "force behind the pen" deals with the spirit within expressing itself especially in literature. She took as the theme of her book, "The Phantom Crown," the saying of Thomas Mann: The giving of soul makes the artist. As an example of two kinds of writing she said that there are (1) The breathing of human life into literature, as Shakespeare gives flesh and blood to old tales, and (2) Fabrication or invention of plot, such as Hugo and Dumas, who are not on a par with Shakespeare. The force must be greater than the desire to entertain; there is the need of conscience to attain the fullness of creation. When life comes before letters, then the pen has power.

She went on to say that her books were an heritage; they have both come to life from personal experience, and it was her manifest destiny to write "The Phantom Crown." Describing how she came to write it, she said that the story was there for the asking and she was equipped by chance to ask for it, having as she did the mastery of five languages and an international ancestry and background. The Mexican historical situation was international in its elements with such factors as the Austrian Archduke married to a Belgian princess, and Napoleon III desiring to take

Mexico as a colony. The sources of Mrs. Harding's story were in her Mexican environment, listening to the tales of Maximilian and Carlotta from her Indian nurse, from the old ladies-in-waiting who related legends of the vanished regime, and also from her study of Hapsburg archives and state papers.

The inspiration for her second book, "Royal Purple," came as a legacy from her father who told her from first-hand knowledge the story of the Serbian boy king, a story little touched upon by historians.

In closing Mrs. Harding stressed her philosophy, that things you most want to do, you can do, and the things closest to you are the force behind the pen. She has found that the writing muse is humble, and will take whatever time can be spared from other activities. Her method is first to feel the situations, believe in the characters, and then put them on paper.

FOURTH GENERAL SESSION

**Friday, October 25, 1935, at 9:30
a. m., Travertine Room**

BUSINESS SESSION

The Indiana Library Association business meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Whitmore, who first asked for the minutes of the last meeting. The secretary moved that the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the *Occurrent* be accepted as printed. Motion carried. Mr. Whitmore next asked for the report of the

BINDING COMMITTEE

William J. Hamilton, chairman, gave a brief report, speaking of the information presented by the Library Binding Institute, and its standards of quality and fair dealing for library binding. The work of the Joint Committee of American Library Association and the Library Binding Institute has proved a pioneer venture in consumer-producer cooperation which is effective and of mutual benefit. Mr. Hamilton called

attention to the Exhibit of Good Binding and its Chart on Standardized Lettering for Magazines shown among the exhibits.

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 1, 1934 to October 22, 1935

Receipts

Received by check from Gladys Walker, outgoing treasurer	\$ 685.62
I. L. A. Membership dues—1934...	1.50
I. L. A. Membership dues—1935...	429.00
I. L. A. Membership dues—1936...	16.50
Total	\$1,132.62

Expenditures

Postage	\$ 20.49
I. L. A. portion legislative expense	300.00
Transferred to Student Loan Fund	239.50
Printing and stationery	59.80
Traveling expense	75.37
A. L. A. Chapter dues	16.45
Miscellaneous	5.45

Total expenditures	717.06
Balance in bank	415.56

Total

Edith Thompson, Treas.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

The Auditing Committee has examined and approved the report of the Treasurer as presented.

Signed:

James A. Howard, Chairman
Rex Potterf
Annette Clark.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1935

As a preliminary to the detailed work of the Committee, printed letters were sent out to individual members of the Legislature, to presidents of library boards, to librarians throughout the state and to a selected number of civic organizations which were sympathetic to the library cause. These letters outlined the pressing

needs of libraries and the objectives of the Association.

The two important objectives established by the Committee were: (1), to secure, if possible, some modified form of state aid, on the basis of matching a small amount of financial help from the state with funds from local sources, and (2), the passage of a law providing for the Certification of librarians.

To keep in touch with the work of the Legislature during the winter it was decided to have a representative of the Association present much of the time in Indianapolis during the legislative session. This work was efficiently done by Mrs. Donald Alexander of Rushville, and ably seconded by F. H. Whitmore of East Chicago. In this connection, also, the Association received valuable assistance from Jessie Boswell, a trained worker in legislative matters, who examined daily all bills introduced into the Legislature and reported promptly to the Association on all bills which contained matter of vital interest to librarians.

In the endeavor to secure some form of state aid a brief was drawn up showing the financial needs of libraries and the desirability of some form of state aid. This brief was presented to the Governor by the Presidents of the Indiana Library Trustees' Association and the Indiana Library Association at an interview with the Chief Executive of the state on December 29th. The brief and the interview were intended to emphasize the need for some form of state support for public libraries and to indicate that the conditions calling for some form of state support are the direct outgrowth of the low ebb which the financial support for libraries has reached.

Specifically, a request was made for a per capita levy of ten cents on the part of the state to be met by an equal amount from local communities for the purchase of books. While the interview was thorough and cordial and considerate it was made

plain that no state funds were available for this purpose.

The second objective, namely, Certification, was approached through the preparation of a bill, later known as House Bill 110, which was introduced into the legislature in the early days of the session and was actively supported throughout the remaining weeks of the session. The bill passed the House and was referred to the Committee on Public Libraries in the Senate but because of the pressure of business during the closing and crowded days of the Senate's activities it remained in the committee's hands without being reported back for action.

Throughout the work of the winter the committee received invaluable help from librarians, trustees and the officials of state civic organizations, particularly from the officers of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, American Association of University Women, Business and Professional Women's Clubs, and effective individual help from Mrs. John M. Moore, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Evelyn Craig, Secretary of Trustees of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. L. A. Winslow, Fourth Vice President of the Indiana Congress of Parents and Teachers. The Association expresses its special thanks for the activities and assistance of the President of the Indiana Library Trustees' Association, R. G. Bradshaw, the Treasurer of the Association, Mrs. George K. Bridwell, Mrs. George W. Blair, Vice President, and the Chairman of its Legislative Committee, Mrs. Donald Alexander, for their earnest and efficient help in promoting the library interests in the state and for the help from individual members of the Legislative Committee of the Trustees' Association.

During August and prior to the adoption of library budgets the Association mailed to the presidents of library boards and to every librarian within the state a brief notice calling attention to the fact that the law restricting salary increases

had not been reenacted in the recent legislative session and that boards were in a position to increase the salary of library employees to amounts more nearly in keeping with their experience, training and civic responsibilities.

The Legislative Committee consists of the following members:

James A. Howard, Hammond, Chairman
Flora M. Case, Elkhart
L. L. Dickerson, Indianapolis
William M. Hepburn, Purdue University
Amy Johnson, Vevay
Edna J. Longley, South Bend
Lulu M. Miesse, Noblesville.

Mr. Whitmore next asked Miss Orpha Maud Peters to speak on American Library Association membership. She said in brief that membership in the American Library Association is the minimum of interest we can show in our profession. We should realize our obligation and responsibility by continuous membership which makes possible the fine work of the Association. She urged everyone to keep up membership and pointed out that the American Library Association is fighting the battles of all the libraries.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In the absence of the chairman, Mary Louise Fitton, the secretary read the report of the Membership Committee.

The Membership Committee has the following summary of its activities to report:

Dues notices sent by Treasurer	529
Follow-up notices sent and members contacted by the Membership Committee	327
Names withdrawn	6
Members reinstated	1
New members enrolled	21
Life members	7
Honorary members	1
Members who have paid dues for 1935 ..	322
Total active membership for 1935	330

No doubt the membership will be materially increased before the meeting is over.

The Chairman would like to suggest that the practice of appointing city representatives on the committee, which was dropped this year, be reinstated in the future.

Mary Louise Fitton,
Chairman.
October 22, 1935.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

This committee's work for the 1935 annual meeting included the following:

Advance stories for the Associated Press, United Press, and International News Service. Results of these stories are shown by the sheaf of stories which came back to us from newspapers over the state.

Two advance stories in each of the local newspapers.

Day by day coverage of the meetings by each of the local newspapers. Tickets for the annual banquet were sent to each of the papers, and it should be noted that each paper responded by sending one of its best writers, instead of their younger staff members as is frequently done by afternoon papers, for banquet assignments are overtime duties.

Lists of new officers to be given to the three press associations immediately after election to be sent out by wire into the state for immediate use.

Pictures of new officers to be taken by staff photographers of the local newspapers.

Frances Mahoney.

Miss Bertha Ashby next presented an invitation from Bloomington to have the next conference meet there. An invitation was also received from Gary. Thanks was extended to both these cities, by the chair.

A tri-state meeting including Michigan, Ohio and Indiana was discussed by Mr. Bailey, the place of meeting to be Toledo. Miss Scott then spoke of a tri-state meeting to include Kentucky, at Louisville. On motion it was voted to refer these invita-

tions to the in-coming Executive Committee.

INDIANA LIBRARY PLANNING COUNCIL

Members:

State Library, Louis J. Bailey, Indianapolis, Chairman; Hazel B. Warren, Indianapolis.

College Library, Paul Byrne, Notre Dame University.

Indiana Library Association, Bertha M. Ashby, Bloomington.

Indiana Library Trustees' Association, Mrs. J. F. Brenneman, Columbia City.

Public Library, William J. Hamilton, Gary.

School Library, Barcus Tichenor, Muncie.

Special Library, Ethel Cleland, Indianapolis.

The Chairman reported that each of the Council members would act as head of a subcommittee to consider the present condition, opportunities and problems relating to various sections of the library field. Historical, factual statements, maps and tables will be prepared. The subcommittees after study will make recommendations to the Council of immediate, remote or general objectives, which upon adoption will be presented to the Association for discussion and final determination. Subcommittees will be:

Trustees: Brenneman, Blair, Hunt.

Personnel: Whitmore, Webb, Dunn.

Public Libraries: Hamilton, Peck, Hodges, Wade, Case.

Rural service: Ashby, Snipes, Jones (Cambridge City), McCollough.

College and University: Byrne, Cooper, Hepburn.

School libraries: Tichenor, Hiatt (Alexandria), Schaeffer, Clark.

Special libraries: Cleland.

Institutional libraries: Warren.

State library: Bailey.

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Committee finds that progress has been made in the field of certification during the past year. Although no bills were passed by any of the states, several were presented to the state legislatures. These attempts indicate that there is a general movement towards state certification of librarians.

In Indiana, although our bill for certification was delayed, the cause made a definite gain when the State Board of Education passed a ruling that after September 1, 1938, junior and senior high school librarians must hold a special or full time license.

Under our voluntary scheme of certification 623 Indiana librarians are now holding certificates. One hundred and sixteen of these are for experience and the remaining 507 are for education requirements.

Bertha Ashby, Chairman,
Certification Committee.

**RILEY HOSPITAL COMMITTEE
REPORT**

The Riley Hospital Committee has a report to submit to the Association this year which we hope will prove as interesting to each and every member of the Association as it does to us who feel that the Indiana Library Association should never let its interests wane in that most important and tangible project. The success of this work is due entirely to the sincere and earnest efforts of Ernestine Bradford whose report embodies much work and a great joy of service.

An increased circulation totaled 13,121, in 101 visits or an average of 129.8 per visit. The 1933-34 circulation recorded 12,540, average 127.9 books for 98 visits. The financial report requires much detail with which we shall not burden you, only giving the totals.

Magazine subscriptions remained about the same as hitherto, many subscriptions and donations of books and magazines being received.

**JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY MEMORIAL
ASSOCIATION****SARAH BANNING MEMORIAL LIBRARY
FUND**

July 1, 1934 to June 30, 1935

Balance of Proceeds as of July 1, 1934	\$ 28.75
Interest received:	
August 1, 1934	\$28.75
February 1, 1935	28.75
.....	\$ 86.25

Expenditures:

Jan. 19, 1935, Magazines ..	\$55.25
Feb. 15, 1935, Accumulated interest in Bond purchased, 14.44	69.69

Balance of Proceeds as of June 30, 1935	\$ 16.56
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LIBRARIAN'S FUND

Balance of principal as of July 1, 1934	\$2,784.30
Interest credited:	
July 1, 1934, to Dec. 31, 1934	\$68.64
Jan. 1, 1935, to June 30, 1935	71.32
Total	\$2,924.26

Expenditures:

Sept. 15, 1934 —	
Stewarts, Books	\$ 5.07
Oct. 27, 1934 —	
Stewarts, Books	69.90
	74.97

Balance in Fund as of June 30, 1935	\$2,849.29
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Principal balance as of February 6, 1932	\$2,830.15
Interest credited Feb. 6, 1932, to June 30, 1935	\$484.68
Expenditures Feb. 6, 1932, to June 30, 1935	465.54

Balance of proceeds as of June 30, 1935	19.14
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Total of Principal and Interest credited as of June 30, 1935 ...	\$2,849.29
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The Riley Hospital Committee suggests the following recommendation: that the Indiana Library Association recommend to the Riley Memorial Association an appropriation for a full time trained librarian, and that in the meantime additional trained help be given the librarian.

Respectfully submitted:

Jane Kitchell, Vincennes, Chairman
Ernestine Bradford, Indianapolis
Marian Webb, Fort Wayne
Grace Davis, Terre Haute
Selma Sipe, Evansville
Hazel Randolph, Lafayette.

After this report, Mr. Dickerson moved that: The Indiana Library Association recommend to the Riley Memorial Association an appropriation for a full time trained librarian, and in the meantime that additional help be given the librarian. It was so voted.

STUDENT LOAN FUND REPORT

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1934\$ 688.70

Receipts:

Gift (State Library Building Contingent Fund) \$ 80.24
Dues I. L. A. 239.50
Interest, Bank 18.47
Interest, Loans 19.00
Repayments 300.00

Total\$657.21

Total on hand\$1,345.91

Expenditures:

Sarah C. Bogle Scholarship\$ 50.00
Olga Shevchik, Loan . 500.00
Dorothy Lawson, Loan 500.00

Total\$1,050.00

Balance on hand October 25, 1935 \$ 295.91

Total loans out 1,700.00

Total of fund\$1,995.91

Louis J. Bailey, Sec.-Treas.

Members of the Student Loan Fund Committee are:

Bertha Ashby, term expires 1935.

F. H. Whitmore, term expires 1936.

Ruth Bean, term expires 1935.

Frances Grim, term expires 1936.

Hazel Long, term expires 1937.

L. J. Bailey.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The report of the Nominating Committee on officers for next year was presented by Margaret Hager, chairman.

President, Cerene Ohr, Indianapolis

Vice President, Mrs. Vera Cooper, DePauw University.

Secretary, Mary Fretageot, Evansville.

Treasurer, Edith Thompson, Frankfort.

Members of Student Loan Fund Committee as follows:

Ruth Bean, whose term expires 1935, reappointed to 1938; Caroline Dunn, Connersville, appointed to take the place of Hazel Long, who resigned, with expiration of term 1937.

It was voted that the Secretary cast one ballot for the election of the officers as presented by the Nominating Committee.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance and success of the joint meeting of the 44th Annual Conference of the Indiana Library Association and the 27th Annual Conference of the Indiana Library Trustees' Association.

And, WHEREAS, the officers and committees have provided for our inspiration an unusual number of gifted speakers.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we express to them our sincere appreciation for their efforts, and to the speakers, we express our especial appreciation:

To W. R. Allen for his constructive social service suggestions;

To Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam for his fine idealism;

To Josiah K. Lilly on whom the Indiana Library Association has just bestowed a life membership, for his gracious talk and gift of the concert of the Foster Hall Quartet;

To the musicians for their music;
To Lyman Beecher Stowe for his talk on Mark Twain;

To Dr. Louis R. Wilson for his instructive ideas on future libraries;

To Rev. John B. Ferguson for his excellent talk on Andrew Carnegie;

To Kate Milner Rabb for her delightful thoughts on "Only Yesterday in Books";

To Mrs. Bertita Harding for her charming talk;

To Wilbur D. Peat for his information in regard to the museum and library;

To Louis J. Bailey for his talk which is always helpful;

To the hospitality extended by the Indiana State Library;

To the Carnegie Corporation of New York for their gift of booklets on "The Benefactions of Andrew Carnegie" and other materials;

To the Indianapolis Convention and Publicity Bureau for the registration service;

To the Indianapolis Public Library for providing the Information Committee;

To the management of the Hotel Lincoln for its courteous services;

To Stewart's Inc., for the attractive programs;

To the Indianapolis newspapers for their giving so generously of space;

To all who in any way contributed to the success of the association.

Respectfully submitted,

Erma Cox, Chairman,
Lena A. Martin,
Florence Crawford,
Mrs. Ora A. Doyle,
Evelyn Craig.

WILBUR D. PEAT

Museum and Library in Modern Education

Mr. Peat, Director of the John Herron Art Institute, Indianapolis, described the relations of the museum and the library in modern education, showing the relations of the two institutions to each other, and ways of cooperation. He said in effect

that a small museum and a small library might be housed under one roof, and be under one administration in the beginning, but as each grows and develops the gap between the two widens like the letter V in proportion to their functions and activities. Libraries are in essence different from museums in that they gather material for wide distribution, which is in part replaceable and comparatively inexpensive, while museums gather irreplaceable material which is not for distribution. Libraries are like museums in their idealism striving for popular use of the best they have. They each have a missionary spirit, trying to convert the layman to make use of their resources, helping him feel the romance of older civilizations, and to realize his own potential creative power. He urged cooperation by becoming acquainted with each other's materials, and sending patrons to see the real things they read about in books, just as museum workers send patrons to libraries to read about the objects they see in the collections.

LOUIS J. BAILEY

Some Observations on a Library Plan for Indiana

Louis J. Bailey, State Librarian, made the last talk on the program, laying down some definite library plans, telling of the work of the Indiana Library Planning Council, and discussing the ever present problem of finances. He reviewed the rural service problem, saying that some counties are too small to give effective service and that they cannot raise the tax money. One solution is to reduce the number from 92 to perhaps 27, and thus bring these units nearer the number of trading areas in Indiana, which is estimated as 24. He emphasized the point that libraries should work for state aid, and expect it, just as the state provides for schools. On the subject of seeking Federal aid he spoke of the inequalities of the various states and the adjustments which must be made in taxation, and urged the importance of ob-

taining Federal help for cultural development.

Mr. Bailey said in closing that the trustees must unite for intelligent action, and that Indiana was fortunate in having the best and largest Trustees' Association in the country (applause). With their advice, friendly and critical, and with the co-operation of both associations, a successful plan for the future could be charted.

The President then presented the officers of the Library Association for next year, and the President of the Trustees' Association, Mrs. George W. Blair.

The meeting adjourned.

Signed: Edna A. Wells,
Secretary I. L. A.

Round Table Reports will be published in the next number of the *Ocurrent*.

INDIANA LIBRARY TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION MINUTES

The Indiana Library Trustees' Association met in joint session with the Indiana Library Association at the Hotel Lincoln in Indianapolis, October 23, 24, and 25. Wednesday morning was spent in registration and committee meetings. The first general session was at 2 p. m. At this meeting W. R. Allen, personnel manager of L. S. Ayres and Co., gave a very interesting talk on "Dealing with the public." He was followed by Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, President of DePauw University, who spoke on "New ideals in education." We then adjourned to the State Library where we heard such an interesting story of Stephen Foster given by Mr. J. K. Lilly, founder of Foster Hall. The Foster Hall Quartette then sang many of Stephen Foster's songs, much to the delight of everyone present. At the close of this meeting many of us walked through the building, which is so very interesting.

The next general session was at 8:00 p. m. in the Travertine Room of the hotel. Music was furnished by the Debutante Ensemble. The speaker of the evening was Lyman Beecher Stowe, author of "Harriet Beecher Stowe" and "Saints, Sinners and Beechers," whose subject was "Mark Twain—self-appointed instructor of the public."

The trustees held their first meeting Thursday morning. Robert G. Bradshaw, the president, presided and in his report outlined some of the things done during his administration. He spoke of the great

privilege of being present at the dedication of the State Library; of legislative work and various efforts made to accomplish something during the meeting of the legislature. He mentioned the fact that while nothing definite had been done for libraries and librarians a good foundation was laid for something to be done in the future. The Secretary-Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Dr. Wilson, President, of A. L. A., spoke a few words of greeting to the trustees. He spoke of putting the trustees' section on a more substantial basis. In a recent meeting he had heard our association spoken of as one of the active influential associations. He asked that we have a representative at the midwinter meeting. Mr. Bradshaw announced Mrs. J. F. Brenneman's appointment to the council of the trustees' section of A. L. A. Motion was made, carried, that Mrs. Brenneman be sent to represent us at the midwinter conference with expenses paid. Mr. Stoops took the chair while another motion was made and carried that Mr. Bradshaw go as a delegate to the same meeting. Mrs. Donald Alexander gave the legislative report. She spoke of the need of certification to raise the standards of libraries and librarians. She outlined the work done during the last Legislature and urged trustees to do all in their power to help whenever a bill for certification is brought before another session of the Legislature.

Mr. Bradshaw appointed the following committees:

Auditing, Sheridan Clyde, Elwood; Mrs. T. Peugh, North Manchester.

Nominating, Mrs. H. M. Thiebaud, Vevay; Mrs. D. A. Armfield, Elwood; Mrs. John Best, Delphi.

Joint Resolutions, Mrs. Ora Doyle, Clinton; Miss Evelyn Craig, Vevay.

Mrs. J. F. Brenneman announced the names of Mrs. George Blair, Mishawaka, and Webb Hunt, Muncie, to work with her on the Library Planning Council. She said a survey of the state will be made—this committee to consider the problems and duties of trustees, the report to be presented and the necessary recommendations adopted. Webb Hunt of Muncie discussed the topic, "School and library cooperation." He spoke of methods used in Muncie where the school board is library minded and the superintendent very co-operative. He suggested that teachers and librarians meet together so that teachers can know more about library technique and librarians can be in closer touch with schools. He urged that Indiana push forward in library training and that teachers know libraries and librarians know schools. Mrs. Hobart Frazier of Bluffton reported close cooperation between schools and libraries in Bluffton. The library there is handicapped by lack of funds but the librarian does a great deal of reference work for school children. Mrs. George Blair suggested an immediate project could be a plan to be worked out for cooperation between schools and libraries. Duplications in buying books should be avoided as far as possible. This meeting adjourned for a few minutes to be opened again at the luncheon table.

Hazel B. Warren explained some federal assistance available to libraries. If requests are sent in for repair work, it should be definitely stated this cannot be done by staff. Building repairs are still being approved but requests should be made right away. Marcus Herscovitz of East Chicago spoke on the "Importance

of Spanish in the future of American business." He spoke of the great need of Spanish being taught due to increasing business with countries of that language. Such countries in South America are opening up new sources of industry and revenue. Books on and in Spanish should be placed in our libraries.

Mrs. L. H. Bear of Vevay, discussed new sources of library support, other than property tax. She said cultural projects are usually the first to suffer when public funds are low. An enlightened country can only be carried on by enlightened people and schools and libraries are our only hope for showing of what "good citizenry" consists. We need a new deal for libraries, widen the base of support, ask for state or federal aid unless we can create a demand, and thus keep up schools and libraries. Mr. Bailey spoke briefly on the activities of the Federal Aid Committee of A. L. A. In answering the question, Should librarians as well as libraries measure up to standard, Mrs. Blair said "Yes!"

Following this meeting the trustees went to the general session where the speakers were Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb of Indianapolis, Rev. John B. Ferguson of Indianapolis, and Dr. Louis R. Wilson, President of A. L. A.

At the dinner meeting Thursday evening Mrs. George W. Blair presided. Mrs. Blair beautifully introduced Mrs. Bertita Harding, author of "Phantom Crown" and "Royal Purple," who entertained us so royally with her talk that we were all sorry when she had finished.

Friday morning the trustees again met for a short business session. The auditing committee reported the treasurer's book correct with a nice balance to carry on the work. A motion was made and carried that we pay our \$25.00 contributing membership dues to A. L. A.

The resolutions committee reported the resolutions would be read in joint meeting. The nominating committee reported the following:

President, Mrs. George W. Blair, Mishawaka.

Vice-President, Webb Hunt, Muncie.

Sec.-Treas., Mrs. George K. Bridwell, Bloomington.

Executive Committee, R. G. Bradshaw, Delphi; Mrs. A. L. Ulrey, North Manchester; Walter A. Richardt, Evansville; Mrs. L. H. Bear, Vevay.

The report was accepted. A rising vote of thanks was given the retiring officers.

During the last general session the speakers were Wilbur D. Peat of the John Herron Art Institute and Louis J. Bailey of the State Library. And so closed another helpful and interesting meeting.

Mrs. George K. Bridwell, Sec.-Treas.

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS' SECTION OF THE INDIANA STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The eighth annual meeting of the School Librarians' Section of the Indiana State Teachers' Association was held on Thursday, October 17th, in Indianapolis.

Preceding the luncheon at the Propylaeum there were group meetings for high school librarians, teacher-librarians, and junior high school librarians. These discussion groups were led by Margaret Quinzoni, Edith Del Hopkins, and Mrs. Ruth Thomas. The luncheon was attended by fifty-two members and guests.

The speaker at the afternoon session in Cropsey Auditorium was Dr. B. Lamar Johnson, Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri. His address, "The Teacher and the Librarian—joint action for educational efficiency," was both inspirational and instructive. He stressed four points:

(1) Teachers and teachers-in-training should be taught the use of the library as an aid to classroom instruction.

(2) Librarians should know what is going on in the classroom.

(3) Teachers and pupils should work together in the presence of books.

(4) The library staff should lead the teaching staff to think critically, constructively, and co-operatively about the library

facilities. Dr. Johnson's talk was one of the most constructive that has been given before the Section.

Barcus Tichenor explained the new licensing requirements for high school librarians and Helen Clark spoke briefly about the newly issued Library Manual.

It was also decided that the president should appoint a publicity committee.

The officers for 1936 were elected as follows:

President—Margaret Quinzoni, George Washington High School, Indianapolis.

Vice-President—Florence Rolf, Aurora.

Sec'y.-Treas.—Ermina Moore, Tipton.

Exec. Com.—Lillian Ragains, Lawrence; Gertrude Andrews, Brazil.

Nell R. Sharp, Sec'y.

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS AT SOUTH BEND

The library section of the North Central Teachers' Association met in the library of the Riley School, South Bend, on October 18. Upon opening the meeting, Wilma Bennett, president, requested each teacher and librarian to introduce herself. Dr. B. Lamar Johnson, librarian and dean of instruction at Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, addressed the meeting on the subject, "The Teacher and the Librarian—Joint Action For Educational Efficiency." Following Dr. Johnson's interesting and informational talk a discussion of various problems was held with Dr. Johnson acting as arbiter and guide.

The nominating committee, composed of Josephine Parker, South Bend, Mildred Dahlberg, Michigan City, and Margaret Porter, La Porte, named Anne C. Studnicka of Elkhart, for president, and Minnie Pasenhofer of South Bend, for secretary. The selection of the committee was unanimously accepted.

Miss Bennett announced that the National Occupational Conference wished to know the number of schools desiring the annotated index of occupational information, also the amount that the various schools could pay. Following the collection of such data, Miss Bennett turned the

meeting over to Helen M. Clark, school library advisor of the State Library. Miss Clark conducted a round table discussion on diverse problems of the librarian. Upon request Josephine Parker spoke to the group on the subject: "How to introduce a library into a school that has none," and Mabelle Hilligoss, Gary, discussed the value of color in the school library. So interesting was the round table that twelve o'clock found the group still in animated session. A luncheon at Robertson's Tea Room followed the meeting. Attractive book-end place cards, roses, and a style show, sponsored by Robertsons, helped to make the occasion a delightful round-up for the librarians.

INDIANA MEMBERS OF A. L. A. COMMITTEES 1935-36

Louis J. Bailey, State library, Indianapolis. Editorial; Federal relations.

Marjorie E. Bowers, Public library, Gary. Elections.

Paul R. Byrne, University of Notre Dame library, Notre Dame. Library cooperation with Latin America.

Luther L. Dickerson, Public library, Indianapolis. Adult reading; Library radio broadcasting.

Marcia M. Furnas, Public library, Indianapolis. Civil service relations.

William J. Hamilton, Public library, Gary. Committee on library administration; Subcommittee on inventory and replacement; Special membership, Indiana.

James Alonzo Howard, Public library, Hammond. Salaries; Employment and schemes of library service; Library administration; Subcommittee on inventory and replacement.

Ethel Farquhar McCollough, Public library, Evansville. Reprints and inexpensive editions.

Esther U. McNitt, State library, Indianapolis. Library equipment and appliances.

Cerene Ohr, Public library, Indianapolis. Special membership, Indiana.

Elizabeth Ohr, Public library, Indianapolis. Visual methods.

Orpha Maud Peters, Public library, Gary. Membership, Indiana.

L. A. Pittenger, Ball State Teachers College, Muncie. Board of Education for librarianship; Subcommittee on library training in teachers' colleges and normal schools, join with the American Association of Teachers Colleges.

Hazel B. Warren, Extension division, State library, Indianapolis. Library revenues.

Frank Hayden Whitmore, Public library, East Chicago. Book buying.

BOOKS FOR THE PRE-SCHOOL CHILD AND HIS MOTHER

BOOKS THAT GIVE PLEASURE AND OPEN WINDOWS TO VARIED INTERESTS

This is the list of books given at the I. L. A. Round Table on children's work by Zella Spence, Central library, Children's librarian, Indianapolis.

Let's Read, three attractive little books which come boxed together and are:

Christopher, by Marjorie Flack. Story about a little dog which has a bath and then runs off and chases animals through the woods.

Sailor Sam, by Alice Dalgliesh. Story about Sailor Sam's shipwreck and how he encounters wild animals. There are directions for making the story into a puppet show.

The Pet Parade, by Evelyn Ray Sickels. Story about a pet parade sponsored by the Public Library. All the children bring their pets and there is great rivalry for the three prizes which are

given. The story is well written and the illustrations are colorful and artistic. The author is head of the Schools Division of the Indianapolis Public Library. Scribner, \$2.00. (Boxed).

Aulaire, Ingri d', *Children of the North-lights*. Viking Press\$2.00

Lise and Lasse are two little Lapp children who live in a white world where the sky is aflame with the Northern Lights and where reindeer are their playmates and their life is full of joy and fun. A book of great beauty and one which appeals to children and to adults.

Bacon, Frances Atchinson. *Turkey Tale*, illustrations by Grace Paull. Oxford University Press.75c

A true story about Oscar, a white turkey, which is a pet in a poultry store. When he starts out to see the world his troubles begin. The story is entertaining and well illustrated. The author was formerly with the Evansville Public Library staff.

Brooke, L. Leslie. *Johnny Crow's New Garden*. Warne.\$1.50

Children will welcome this new book by Leslie Brooke. Johnny Crow's friends are all there and "Each visitor's attitude was his very best way of expressing his gratitude." It is as attractive and delightful as the first one.

Ets, Marie Hall, *Mister Penny*. Viking Press.\$1.00.

Mr. Penny, with his family of animals, lived in a tumble-down shed near the village of Muddle. The story tells how their curiosity got them into trouble and how they worked to repay the damage and surprised their beloved Mister Penny. Children are receiving this book with joyful exclamations of "Why, it is like Dr. Doolittle." A fine book.

Evans, Eva Know. *Araminta*. Drawings by Eric Berry. Minton\$2.00

A little colored girl visits her grandmother in the country. She learns that she must find things for herself and be-

fore her visit is ended she is a very appreciative little girl. All children will enjoy this story. There is no dialect.

Flack, Marjorie. *Wait for William*, pictures by Marjorie Flack and Richard A. Holberg. Houghton\$1.00.

William is fortunate enough to ride on the elephant in the circus parade and is the envy of all of the older boys and girls. A gorgeous picture book and an appealing story.

Gag, Wanda. *Gone is Gone; or the story of the man who wanted to do housework*. Coward-McCann\$1.00

A charming new version of the old story of the man and the woman who changed work for a day, as it was told to the author by her grandmother. Many quaint pictures help to make this little book a favorite.

Gall, Alice Crew and Crew, Fleming. *Flat Tail*. Oxford University Press. ...\$1.50.

We are grateful to the authors for giving us another fine story of animal life. This is the story of a little beaver told with dignity and simplicity and beautifully illustrated.

Garbutt, Bernard and Garbutt, Katherine. *Timothy*. Oxford University Press. ..75c.

A poetic story about a young deer, his father and mother and his friend, Jennie, the pheasant. For children who are too young to enjoy Bambi.

Gauss, M., and Gauss, C. W. *Bang of the Diamond Tail*. Whitman.\$1.00.

Story about a western pony which runs away from a Colorado ranch. For the little boy who insists upon a cowboy book.

Hogan, Inez. *Bear Twins*. Dutton. ..\$1.00.

Children have already taken to their hearts this appealing little book about two small bears. The pictures are full of humor and the story is delightful.

Lattimore, Eleanor Frances. *Lost Leopard*. Harcourt.\$2.00.

John's dearest possession, a plush leo-

pard, was lost in Kensington Gardens. The mystery was solved after John had an exciting afternoon trying to find the lost toy.

Tousey, Sanford. *Steamboat Billy*. Doubleday.\$1.50.
Billy rides on a steamboat down the Ohio River and is allowed to pilot the boat. The illustrations are in color and add to the attractiveness of the book. Boys from five to ten will enjoy this story.

Sung Under the Silver Umbrella—Poems for the younger children selected by the Literature Committee of the Association for Childhood Education. Macmillan.\$2.00.
Modern poetry predominates—no Mother Goose. There is a preface by Padraic Colum and the illustrations are by Dorothy Lathrop.

Untermeyer, Louis. *Rainbow in the Sky*, collected and edited by Louis Untermeyer and illustrated by Reginald Birch. Harcourt.\$3.00.
This anthology of poetry for younger children includes Mother Goose rhymes, favorite old poems and less familiar modern ones. Only three of the poems appear in *This Singing World*. Each section has an introduction by the editor.

Johnson, Edna and Scott, Carrie E. *Anthology of Children's Literature*. Houghton.\$3.50.
A book which is invaluable to a mother. Librarians are well aware of its usefulness and are probably wondering how they lived without it. The compilers are two authorities in this field—Miss Johnson is Assistant Professor of English at Indiana University, and Miss Scott is head of the Children's Department of the Indianapolis Public library. The book must be seen to be appreciated.

RECENT INDIANA BOOKS

Browne, John R. *The Great Sermon*. Boston, Stratford Co., 1935.\$1.50.

Written by an attorney of Marion. Deals with The Sermon on the Mount.

Bussell, Chase. *The Mountain Cabin Mystery*. Philadelphia, Dorrance, 1935. \$1.60.
The author lives in Bryant, Indiana.

Cady, Dr. John F. *The Centennial History of Franklin College*. 1934.\$1.25.
Written by the head of the Franklin College history department.

Canan, Keith. *Gold in the Hills*. The author, 115 S. Gladstone Ave., Indianapolis, 1935.50c
"A volume of verse having as its central theme the hill country of southern Indiana."

Gillespie, Howard C. *Tales of a Prairie Town*. Oxford, Ind., Craw and Craw, 1935.

Sketches based on the history of Oxford and Benton County.

Harding, Bertita. *Royal Purple*. Bobbs, 1935.\$2.50.
A novel based on the life of King Alexander of Serbia.

Hay, Ella H. *Friendly Tales for Children*. N. Y., Cupples & Leon Co., 1935. ..\$1.00.
The first book of a teacher at Riley School, Muncie.

Higgins, Frances Lowry. *Once at Woodhall*. Harper, 1935.\$2.00.
A story of southern Indiana in the 1860's. The writer is a graduate of Salem (Ind.) High School, a student of Indiana University, and a former contributor to the Indianapolis Star.

Hunt, Mabel Leigh. *The Boy Who Had No Birthday*. Stokes, 1935.\$1.75.
By the author of "Lucinda."

Kitselman, Mrs. Alva L. *The Sins of Sally*. Chicago, Daniel Ryerson, 1935.
Appears under the pseudonym Leslie Curtiss. The author lives in Muncie.

Lostutter, Melvin. *High Fever*. Harper, 1935.\$2.00.
A novel of the 1920's by an editor of Columbus, Indiana.

Malan, Clement T. and Robinson, James J. *Indiana School Law With Leading Cases in School Law.* Indianapolis, C. E. Pauley & Co., 1935.

Milner, Dr. Jean S. *The Sky Is Red, a Book About Revolution and Religion.* Bobbs, 1935.\$2.50.

Written by the pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis.

Newell, Elizabeth. *Through the Years.* Chicago, Ralph Fletcher Seymour, 1935.\$1.50.

A collection of poems by a Terre Haute writer.

Pogue, Barton Rees. *The Lifter of Laughter.* Upland, Ind., Pogue Co., 1934.\$1.50.

A volume of verse on such subjects as "Buckwheat Cakes," "Old Shoe" and "The Post-Office Pen."

Williams, Gaar. *Among Folks in History.* Winnetka, Ill., Book and print guild, 1935.\$2.00.

Drawings depicting the gay nineties.

Scoggins, Charles E. *The House of Dawn.* Appleton, 1935.\$2.00.

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Four short stories.

—Marguerite Anderson.

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NEWS NOTES FROM INDIANA LIBRARIES

Bloomington. Two new fireproof safes for the filing of library records were delivered to the University library in September. The safes, purchased from the Mosler Safe Company, will contain the accession record, giving the title and cost of every book received by the University library, and a shelf list, showing the location of each book in the library stacks.

A re-valuation of the books in the library was made recently, and insurance coverage for the books has been increased. A report from the bursar's office shows that in the adjustment of insurance claims without proof of loss, the recovery is usually only about 60 per cent of the value of the destroyed property. The University library contains approximately 300,000 volumes, valued at about \$1,250,000.

Brazil. The public library lecture room was equipped with a fine Steinway upright piano in October. Its purchase was sponsored by the Brazil Music Club but other women's clubs asked to contribute, so it was carried out as a community project.

Cambridge City. The Public Service Company of Indiana has delivered the deed for the library site given to the public library board. It is located on the main street in the business section. Bids for the new building were received November 30th. It was designed by McGuire and Shook, Indianapolis architects.

Camden. A portrait of Mrs. Nellie Quinn appeared in the *Indianapolis News* August 16th. Mrs. Quinn is a member of the Camden Woman's Literary Club who for several years has given her time gratuitously as librarian, keeping regular hours at the public library fostered by the club and housed in the office of the town board. Club members aid her in the circulation of more than 1,000 volumes which have been acquired in less than seven years. Mrs. Quinn has a column, *Library Talk*, in the *Camden Record-News* regu-

larly, and the following is a recent talk about "Peter and I":—

Peter and I were standing on the corner of the street the other day when the funniest wreck of an old car went by with the funniest wreck of a man in it. It was battered and bent and rusty and it creaked and groaned every foot of the day. And how we did laugh to see it.

"It's a wonder it doesn't fall to pieces right in the middle of the street," Peter said, and I said, "It is really. But, do you know, I'm always thankful when I see an old car like that."

"Thankful?" Peter said.

"Yes. I'm thankful because a car can't get hungry or cold or tired and it can't feel and it can't hear."

"O," said Peter. "I hadn't thought of that."

"No, of course you wouldn't," I said, "because you've only seen a wreck of a man driving a wreck of a car and never a wretch of a man beating a wretched old horse than can hear and feel and get hungry."

"And I'm glad I never did."

"I am, too, Peter, but it's always good not to forget such things even if we haven't seen them."

"But how could you remember if you never saw it?" he wanted to know.

"That's what books are for," I said, "to tell us things that we don't know and to remember for us things that people forget. 'Black Beauty' was a good book when it was written but it's a better book now because it remembers for us the times that are past. Then we can read about them and think about them and it makes us wiser and more understanding, as though we had lived a long, long while and can understand and be more thankful about such things as a wreck of an old car."

"Is that what it means to be wise?"

"Yes, Peter, that's what it means. After you've read 'Black Beauty' we'll talk about it, but I'll not ask you if you (O, just a

little bit, you know, along at the end.)"

"Did you?"

"I just said I wouldn't ask you, didn't I?" I said. "Well, that goes for you, too."

Columbus. The Columbus-Bartholomew county library had a total circulation of 207,491 during the past year. Maintenance cost was 35 cents per capita and the cost per book circulated 4.2 cents. Miss Walker's report is novel in that it is almost entirely in verse, straying from rhyme only where figures are presented.

Circulation for the year at the rural depositories of the library was as follows: Waymansville, 916; Ogilville, 1,096; South Bethany, 3,841; Union township, 789; Kansas, 1,862; Taylorsville, 8,005; Waynesville, 815; Jonesville, 3,970; Clifford, 2,902; Petersville, 2,066; Elizabethtown, 9,843; Hope, 8,271; Newbern, 1,851; Hartsville, 2,162, and Grammer, 5,180.

The county school and depository service maintains 74 classroom libraries in 39 schools of the county and supplies books bi-monthly to the one branch and 14 county stations.

Connersville. Following the resignation of Mary Lee Ryan as public library assistant Marjorie Moneyhon has been appointed. She graduated from Western College in 1934.

Delphi. May L. Cochrane, public librarian, filed suit in August for \$10,000 damages in Chicago Superior court against the Auditorium Hotel Building Corporation, charging that she contracted amoebic dysentery in the hotel in 1933, when an epidemic of the dreaded contagion struck Chicago during the first year of the Century of Progress Exposition.

Elkhart. The public library installed an automatic coal stoker in September.

The action followed approval by the state tax commission of an advertised emergency appropriation. The appropriation was set at \$800, to cover the heating improvements, repair of sidewalks and

widening of the street in front of the library. Recent release of restricted funds made the appropriation possible. An added heating unit and radiator in the basement rooms are included in the plans, to enable full use of the building in cold weather. In addition to the street paving, the library is promoting WPA projects for (a) developing the basement rooms for added use; (b) repairing the building in minor ways; (c) cleaning the walls, and (d) mending and checking books.

Guest editorials are invited by the *Elkhart Truth* and the following was recently contributed by Miss Case:

VALUE OF LIBRARY

Confront John Citizen and his wife with the question "What is the use of the library?" If he is an engineer or scientist he will think of it as the source of definite facts, formulas and plans. If his wife is a club woman it will be to her the place to study the topic she has to present. Either one or both may mention the children's room where their boys and girls learned to like to read books.

The student sees in it an opportunity for a lifelong education for which the high school diploma or college degree were the beginning.

For the leader of thought, it offers the store of ideas of the thinkers of all ages past, the mass of experience through which men and nations have lived against which he must balance the wealth of new ideas advanced by modern thinkers.

The less seriously minded know it as a place to get a book that will carry them in fancy into another world.

To the booklover whose taste has been cultivated perhaps from the picture-book age, it is a storehouse of the treasures he may not buy. Here he finds companionship that beckons to him from the bookshelves with compelling force.

This city has thirty thousand persons of varied aims and tastes seeking satisfaction in life. Half of them visit the library for help on the way. As a city institution

conceived in the minds of forward looking citizens 30 years ago and maintained through the fat and lean years, it owes the service that books can give to each person.

We may not belittle the material satisfaction it had afforded its patrons; it has taken its part in materialistic development. The occasion is described when the Pratt Carriage Co. secured a large government contract through facts about a scientific process procured from its reference service. How patrons have found positions or won promotions and how its resources have been stretched to meet book demands that leaped 50 per cent in the four leanest years, are stories to tell with pride.

Yet we venture to suggest that the greatest value Elkhart receives from its library is the opportunity it offers, and which so many persons accept, to broaden and enrich their individual lives, so that each may live not just a life, but a fuller and richer life than he could develop without books. An aggregate of lives so enriched builds a community characterized by stability, morale and high purpose. What the library can contribute to Elkhart's growth in these qualities constitutes its essential value we believe to the city.

Evansville. Ruth Bosse has been appointed to the county library staff to succeed Mary Frances Lannert who resigned to be married. Miss Bosse is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

Fort Branch. A WPA project for the public library for three months' work by four women at a cost of \$564 has been approved and started in operation November 15th.

Fort Wayne. A well illustrated and detailed article on "Exhibits and displays" by Marian A. Webb appeared in the September-October number of *Reading and the School Library*.

Susanna Bailor, formerly in the Allen County library department, has been ap-

pointed reference librarian in the Public library at Dearborn, Michigan. Margaret Winning, formerly county librarian, has been appointed librarian of the Berkeley Institute at Brooklyn, New York.

Francesville. The interior of the library was painted and varnished in August. New tables and chairs were added to the equipment and new shelving included to care for the reference section.

Gary. The public library has started a preview exhibit of new non-fiction books, putting them in a prominent place for one week before they are loaned. Reserves are taken in advance. This practice enables many to see and leaf over the new books who might wish to enjoy that privilege but not want to read such books; it proves that the library does have new books; the delay is short for the intending reader; a larger proportion of titles are made known and each reader given a more equal chance of seeing desirable books.

The library board has asked the State Board of Accounts to rule on whether the civil city shall pay the library board \$14,000 from delinquent tax collections. The county tax adjustment board cut the library levy on the score of the existence of this fund. The city contends that the fund was accumulated from delinquent tax payments to pay off warrants issued by the city, the library's share of which was declined by the library board. These tax warrants were issued in an emergency by the city council but not used by the library, consequently the library board claims the city cannot withhold delinquent library tax collections to meet payments it did not share. The library board has also entered suit against a local building and savings association to force payment of a \$13,000 building fund deposit.

Goshen. Judge A. B. Chipman reported at fall term of court his decision that circuit court judges are not violating Article 3 of the constitution of Indiana in ap-

pointing library board members. An appeal motion was filed in October, which was granted by Judge Chipman, so the matter may be taken to the Supreme Court for final decision.

Greensburg. Mrs. Nell Drake Hazelrigg, who has been assistant librarian at the Carnegie library since 1930, passed away November 16th after a short illness with double pneumonia.

Hartford City. An unusual situation faced the library board this fall. Due to the fact that \$1,800 in restricted funds tied up in the First National Bank had been paid and that there is a balance left in the library fund this year, it was decided that no additional funds would be needed, so no library tax was placed on the 1935 duplicates.

Huntingburg. Genevieve Williams, librarian at the public library, has been given a leave of absence because of ill health and Mrs. G. C. Crawford and Vera Snyder have been appointed to carry on the library work.

Indianapolis. Carrie E. Scott has been chosen a member of the advisory committee of a new juvenile periodical, to be called *Story Parade*, which is sponsored by the Department of Education of New York University.

Mabel Leigh Hunt, author of "Lucinda," has written another book with an Indiana background, "The Boy Who Had No Birthday," a story for both boys and girls but with a boy hero. It was published by Stokes in September. Of special local interest is her account of the Centennial celebration of 1876 in Indianapolis. Miss Hunt was one of the speakers at the recent Book Fairs held at Hudson's in Detroit and at Halle's in Cleveland.

Evelyn Ray Sickels has published a picture story under the title "Pet Parade." It is one of the "Let's Read" series published by Scribner, a set of three books which come in an attractive little box. The other books are Marjorie Flack's "Christo-

pher, a Dog Story," and Alice Dalglish's "Sailor Sam."

WPA workers in the Public library have aided in making a re-count of all books in the branch libraries; and have taken an inventory of the books in certain classes (about one-fifth of the branch book-stocks) in order to determine, without waiting for the next regular inventory, whether the new system of guarding branch doors is proving effective. The library now has seventy-two WPA women workers of whom twenty-four are doing clerical work and forty-eight are mending and cleaning books. Since the first of the year all the community branches except two have been painted inside and out by FERA workers.

Hawthorne Branch, one of the five branches of the public library which are housed in Carnegie buildings, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization and the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Andrew Carnegie with an open house in the library on November 20.

Helen Brown, Helen Chandler and Frances Sharp from the public library staff, attended the Columbia University School of Library Service last summer. Dorothy Lawson is attending Carnegie Library School this winter, and Ethel Malloch the library school of the University of Michigan.

Virginia Copes was married November 23 to Walter Huehl. Lucile Chandler was married July 29 to Russell McFall of Chicago.

Jeannette Shepard was married October 25 to Edwin Ogbourne of Newcastle.

The reference department of the public library has compiled a biography for the League of Women Voters on "Trained Personnel for Public Service."

The Marion County Recreation Bureau in cooperation with the Public library, has published in memographed form complete programs for special holidays and seasons, and maintains a reference bureau for such information at 110 South Meridian Street.

Lois Cowgill, Illinois 1932, has been ap-

pointed head cataloger at Butler University library.

Recent appointments to the public library staff have been:

Elizabeth Gress, Illinois 1934.

Marie E. Pearce, Western Reserve, 1933.

Lois M. Zimmerman, Columbia 1930. Miss Zimmerman has been on the Indiana University library staff for several years.

Ruth Jean Ale, Columbia 1935.

Rosalie S. Schell, Western Reserve 1932. Miss Schell has had two years' experience in the Butte county library at Oraville, California.

Judith K. Sollenberger, Wisconsin 1934. Miss Sollenberger was instructor in English at DePauw university 1924-33, and has been librarian of the Athens College library at Athens, Alabama, the past year.

Jasper. The city council in October by a unanimous vote, authorized Mayor John Lorey to buy for the city the Farmers & Merchants State Bank Building for the sum of \$15,000. The building, located on the east side of the Square, has been unoccupied since the bank went into voluntary liquidation in May, 1934.

The building will be used as a city hall, mayor's office and quarters for the public library. The city hall and mayor's office will be located on the ground floor, where the strong, fireproof vaults afford an ideal place for the storage of the city's records. The public library will be located on the second floor, where ample room is afforded for the books that are being constantly added to the library.

Kewanna. One of the public library's friends has helped the Library Notes column of the *Herald* by contributing pleasant home-made verses to it. She is Mrs. Christine Curless and here are three:

Mother sat beside the table,
Quite absorbed in what she read.
At first I saw her laughing,
Then I saw a tear she shed.

I glanced across the table,
And I saw Father there,
With his feet in easy slippers,
He sat in an easy chair.

And I saw he too, was reading.
Then I thought I'd read myself.
So I went down to the library
And I went up to a shelf.

I scanned across the titles,
And found one that suited me,
Then I went home to the table,
And I kept them company.

"Books"

"I do not travel far and wide,
My riches are quite few,
But when I crave excitement
There's something I can do.

I'll find a book to suit my mood
And curl up in a chair,
And read about some far off land
And imagine I am there.

I'll travel back to long ago
About a hundred years,
And linger just a little while
Among the pioneers.

I'll climb the Alps and sail the seas,
And visit queens and kings,
You can't imagine all the joy
And excitement that it brings.

And when I weary from the trip
I'll just lay my book aside,
It's only such a short trip home
From the world's far other side."

"A Book and a Pipe"

Give me a book and my cozy chair and a
pipe of old perique
And the wind may howl and I shall not
care that the night is cold and bleak,
For I'll follow my friend of the printed
page, wherever he leads me on,
I'll follow him back to the vanished age
and the joys of a life that's gone.

I'll go with him where the pole star gleams
 and the arctic lights are long,
 I'll go with him to his land of dreams away
 from the surging throng,
 I'll stand with him on the battle line where
 the sky with flames turns red,
 I'll follow this faithful friend of mine
 wherever he wants to tread.
 Oh, whether it be adventure grim or the
 calm of a noble mind,
 Or a sea to sail or a ship to trim or a pearl
 of truth to find,
 Grant me an hour in my easy chair and
 a pipe full of old perique
 And there's ever a friendly book up there
 that can furnish the joy I seek.

Kokomo. Mrs. Danna H. Sollenberger, for seventeen years librarian of the Carnegie library, took her life by inhaling gas sometime November 3d. She left several notes explaining her act as due to a painful and incurable disease. Mrs. Sollenberger was born in Howard county sixty-two years ago and has resided in Kokomo from girlhood. She graduated from High School in 1892 and was a teacher for several years until her marriage to William E. Sollenberger, for many years an officer of the Kokomo Trust Company. Mr. Sollenberger died several years ago leaving his widow and daughter, Judith K. Sollenberger, now employed in the Indianapolis public library.

Lebanon. Mrs. Gertrude L. Cook was appointed city librarian in September to take the place of Mrs. Paul W. Neuman, formerly Marie E. Hill, who was married August 15th. Other changes include the promotion of Mildred Rogers from children's librarian to branch librarian at the Lebanon high school library and the appointment of Leota Price as children's librarian at the public library. Rosemary Parr has been selected as assistant in the children's room.

For the past eleven years Mrs. Cook has served as branch librarian at the high school. Miss Price was employed in the local library several years ago, leaving

here to take a position in the library at Paris, Illinois. She was forced to give up her work there for home reasons. Miss Parr has been an apprentice in the library for several months.

Linton. The public library received five tons of coal from the Maumee Collieries Company donated in return for the use of the library building for meetings of the Maumee Safety chapter.

Marion. Daisy Springer was removed from her apartment to the General hospital in October. She has been ill of chronic arthritis for five years, her illness forcing her retirement about three years ago. A foundation was established last spring to care for Miss Springer but further contributions have continued to be necessary since then. Miss Springer was employed at the library for 20 years.

Mishawaka. Mrs. Inger Boye resigned as children's librarian of the public library to accept a similar position in the Highland Park, Illinois, library in September. Her successor is Eleanor Kidder, whose home is Boise, Idaho, but who comes from the position of librarian of the Central Junior High School library at Ogden, Utah, her former home. Miss Kidder is a graduate of the University of Washington, receiving both academic and library school education there. She also had two years' experience in the Brooklyn, N. Y., children's department.

Muncie. Mayor Dr. Rollin H. Bunch has presented to the Lincoln branch library a valuable collection of Indian relics. It will be placed in special display cases.

North Manchester. Mrs. A. L. Ulrey, a member of the library board and recently elected to the executive board of the Indiana Library Trustees Association, passed away suddenly November 6th.

Oakland City. A disastrous fire in the city hall September 5th damaged the library on the second floor considerably. The fire burned out a large hole in the

floor and flames scorched the walls and furniture as well as rows and rows of books. Insurance covered about \$1,000 on the building and \$1,700 was paid on the books. There were 2,300 books destroyed valued new at \$3,000. About 4,000 books were salvaged, which with binding and repairs can be used. The library opened again November 7th, fully repaired, looking better than before the fire, even though it had then been freshly decorated. Miss McCullough, however, even with three assistants, had a busy time, sorting, cleaning and repairing practically all the books before reopening.

Plymouth. Mrs. Velma Brewer Montague resigned November 1st because of illness and Lucille Jane Erwin has been appointed as successor. Miss Erwin is a graduate of Wisconsin University and Library school and has been employed in the Lorain, Ohio, South Bend, and River Forest, Illinois, public libraries.

Warsaw. Mrs. Mamie Conrad, 81, president of the Warsaw-Wayne township library board since its founding in 1915 passed away November 1st, following a short illness.

Princeton. The public library gave encouragement to nine local artists in September by exhibiting their pictures.

Shelbyville. Ida A. Lewis, 73, Shelbyville's first librarian, who left the library in 1919, passed away August 16th at the hospital in Compton, California, following an extended illness. Miss Lewis accepted the position when the first circulating library was established in 1897, previous to which she had taught in the local schools for many years. After leaving Shelbyville, she resided for a time in Hammond and Valparaiso, retiring from active duty in 1930. At that time she went to California where she has since made her home, in Puente, Los Angeles and Whittier.

Sullivan. Lois Enochs was elected assistant librarian in September to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Grayce Broderick, whose marriage to James A. Small was recently announced.

Union City. A collection of historical photographs is being made for the public library by Edward Harrison and Dr. C. C. Keffer, many of these collected dating back to the 60's and 70's. The public library was chosen as the logical and best place of deposit for these simple objects once so common but after a few years so hard to procure. Every library should have at least one vertical file to care for such historically valuable photographs, pictures, pamphlets, broadsides and manuscripts. Local history is a local problem everywhere and local energy is needed to secure results.

Valparaiso. The University library received as gifts over one thousand books during the spring and summer by virtue of the generosity of several donors. Mrs. Katherine E. Bowden, university librarian, announced an increase in the number of books from 8,362 volumes ten years ago, when the school was organized, to 24,000 at the present time, with an additional 24,000 pamphlets available.

Whiting. Margaret H. Smith, librarian of the Peter White public library at Marquette, Michigan, has been elected to succeed Mrs. Bruce Avery (Hazel Long) as librarian. Miss Smith took up the work October 1st. She is a graduate of Ripon College, Wisconsin, and of the library school of the University of Wisconsin (1922) and has done advanced work at the University of Chicago and University of Michigan, receiving her M. L. S. at the latter institution last summer. Miss Smith has had experience in the Des Moines public library, Racine public library and has had a very successful ten years at Marquette.

